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## Bronzeville Week celebration now set for August 1 - 8

Culture, history, art, commerce, and community and culture rooted in a rich urban tradition will be celebrated **August 1 – 8, 2015** when the  $3^{rd}$  annual **Bronzeville Week** is held in Milwaukee, hosted by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** and **Friends of Bronzeville**.

Bronzeville Week, a formal City of Milwaukee-sanctioned event and celebration, was approved today by the full Common Council. During August 2014, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bronzeville Week attracted noticeably larger crowds to a series of performances and events, and Alderwoman Coggs said the celebration will again fill the Bronzeville district with music and culture this summer.

"Bronzeville Week has built up a following over the past few years because there is vibrancy, upbeat energy, and a wide mix of entertainment offerings, art, culture *and* opportunities for neighbors and the community to engage in fun, positive activities," she said. "There is something for all members of the community to find at Bronzeville Week, and this year's event will be no different."

Bounded by Garfield Avenue to Center Street, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive to 7th Street, the Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District is wholly located in the 6th Aldermanic District.

The Bronzeville Cultural and Entertainment District is a City of Milwaukee redevelopment initiative inspired by Milwaukee's original Bronzeville, and it is striving to revitalize the area of Milwaukee where African-American culture has been a mainstay. The Bronzeville Redevelopment Plan seeks to create economic development in a predominantly African-American neighborhood in a way that recaptures the enthusiasm and attractiveness of the original Bronzeville District.